

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Taneika Blackwell,
Plaintiff,
v.
Ericka Green,
Defendant.

Civil Action No. **12 1533**

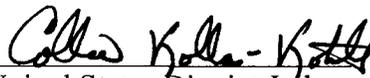
MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant plaintiff's application and dismiss the complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

The subject matter jurisdiction of the federal district courts is limited and is set forth generally at 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1332. Under those statutes, federal jurisdiction is available only when a "federal question" is presented or the parties are of diverse citizenship and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. A party seeking relief in the district court must at least plead facts that bring the suit within the court's jurisdiction. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). Failure to plead such facts warrants dismissal of the action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3).

Plaintiff is a resident of Temple Hills, Maryland, suing a resident there for unpaid parking tickets in the amount of \$1,065. Compl. at 1-2. The complaint neither presents a federal question nor provides a basis for diversity jurisdiction. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

DATE: August 21, 2012


United States District Judge